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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) constructs houses for serving/retired Army personnel and their widows;

(b) whether the Army Welfare Housing Organisation had acquired land in Shatabdi Nagar, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh some years ago from the Meerut Development Authority for construction of houses for serving/retired Army personnel and their widows;

(c) if so, the amount paid by the Army Welfare Housing Organisation to the Meerut Development Authority therefor;

(d) the status in regard to construction of houses on that land; and

(e) the reasons for not starting constructions and the time by which the construction of houses is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) constructs various types of dwelling units for serving/retired army personnel and their widows.

(b) Yes, Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) was allotted 30 acres of land at Shatabdi Nagar by Meerut Development Authority in 1989. Complete payment for the land has been made by 30th January, 1990. Possession of land has yet not been taken over by AWHO.

(c) Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) has paid Rs. 3,82,41,341.00 as cost of land to Meerut Development Authority.

(d) Possession of land has not been taken over by Army Welfare Housing Organisation (AWHO) as yet due to reasons given below:-

(i) The plot was not developed and external services like roads, electricity and water supply and sewage were not existing which was to take more time.

(ii) The plot is under occupation of farmers and, is being cultivated. Meerut Development Authority has no control over the land and farmers are demanding enhanced compensation for the land.

(iii) 132 KVA HT Line is passing over and across the plot of land.

(e) Land is not in possession of Army Welfare Housing Organisation. So, there is no plan to start construction on the land. AWHO has been requesting Meerut Development Authority (MDA) to refund complete cost of land alongwith interest to AWHOAWHO has also filed a case in National Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum, New Delhi for refund of cost of land alongwith interest.